

Summary
North Marin Water District
Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance Number 22
(Novato Service Area Only)

On May 19, 2009, the North Marin Water District Board of Directors held a public hearing and approved Ordinance 22 enacting water use restrictions summarized below.

Water Waste and Non-Essential Use Prohibitions

Phase 1: Effective March 1, 2009 until Ordinance is Rescinded by Board

- Gutter flooding (i.e. unreasonable irrigation overspray or irrigation run-off onto pavement).
- Failure to repair a controllable leak of water within a reasonable time.
- Using water for non-recycling decorative fountains or single-pass cooling systems.
- Washing down exterior paved areas.
- Refilling a swimming pool drained after March 1, 2009.
- Washing privately-owned motor vehicles, trailers and boats except from a bucket and hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle.
- Landscape watering beyond the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM of the next day - hand-watering from a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle or drip irrigation system will be allowed.
- New or enlarged water service connections to the District's system.

Phase 2: Additional Non-Essential Use Prohibitions Effective June 1, 2009 to comply with State Water Resources Control Board Order WR 2009-0027 until October 6, 2009 or until such declaration is rescinded:

- Use of water from a fire hydrant except for fighting fires, human consumption, essential construction needs or use in connection with animals.
- Watering of any lawn, garden, landscape area except if customer maintains an overall 25% reduction in water use compared to the 2004 year's use in the same billing period, or if the landscape is irrigated with drip or by hand with a container or hose with automatic shut off nozzle. *Customers using less than 200 gallons per day are permitted to water their landscapes without the required 25% reduction if compliant with Section 5 - Waste of Water Prohibited.*
- Initial filling of a swimming pool for which building permit was issued after March 1, 2009.
- Use of potable water supply for dust control at construction sites.
- Use by a vehicle washing facility in excess of 75% of the amount used by it during corresponding billing period in the prior year.
- Any non-residential use in excess of 75% of the amount used by the customer during the corresponding billing period in prior year.

Violation Procedure

- 1) Customers found to be in violation of North Marin Water District Ordinance 22 will receive a written warning describing the violation and order that it be corrected, cured and abated

immediately or within such specified time that is determined to be reasonable. If said order is not complied with, service may be disconnected.

- 2) If customer's water service is disconnected for said violation, a reconnection fee of \$100 shall be paid.
- 3) If the violation is not corrected after the first disconnection of water service and reconnection fee has been paid, the water service may be disconnected again with a reconnection fee of \$200. Any water service that is disconnected twice shall be reconnected with a flow-restricting device.
- 4) If a swimming pool has been filled with water furnished by the District after March 1, 2009 service shall be disconnected and a reconnection fee of \$800 shall be paid.

Variance Procedure

Applications for variance for any non-essential use prohibitions of Ordinance 22, Section 6 may be made to the General Manager. The General Manager may grant a variance if reasonably necessary.

Questions or Comments

All customer questions and comments regarding the emergency water conservation ordinance should be referred to the Water Conservation Hotline (415) 897-4133 ext. 8711